



Smithsonian  
*National Air and Space Museum*

Aviation Photography Collection [Tenety and Sarkis]

2014

National Air and Space Museum Archives  
14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway  
Chantilly, VA 20151  
NASMRefDesk@si.edu  
<http://airandspace.si.edu/research/resources/archives/>

# Table of Contents

Collection Overview .....	1
Administrative Information .....	1
Scope and Contents.....	2
Biographical / Historical.....	1
Names and Subjects .....	2
Container Listing .....	

## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Aviation Photography Collection [Tenety and Sarkis]
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.2014.0004
<b>Date:</b>	(bulk 1930s -1950s)
<b>Extent:</b>	0.62 cubic feet ((3 boxes))
<b>Creator:</b>	Tenety, James, Jr.
<b>Language:</b>	English

---

## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Emile Faciane, Gift, 2013

### Preferred Citation

Aviation Photography Collection [Tenety and Sarkis], Accession 2014-0004, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

### Conditions Governing Use

Material is subject to Smithsonian Terms of Use. Should you wish to use NASM material in any medium, please submit an Application for Permission to Reproduce NASM Material, available at [Permissions Requests](#)

---

## Biographical / Historical

James Tenety, Jr. was an aviation photographer based in Corona, New York, working in the period of the 1930s through the 1950s. Tenety worked in and around New York, particularly at Roosevelt Field, North Beach Airport, and Mitchel Field. Peter Sarkis was another aviation photographer based in New York, New York, who worked in approximately the same time period.

---

## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of approximately 2,850 black and white negatives (approximately 0.54 cubic feet) of photographs taken by James Tenety, Jr. and Peter Sarkis. The vast majority of them are by Tenety, with the images taken by Sarkis numbering approximately 50-60. The negatives are 616 size and show various aircraft, people, and aviation related events. They are arranged alphabetically by subject. Aircraft represented in this collection include models by Aeronca; Aeromarine; Alexander; Antonov; Alliance; Allenbaugh; Avro; Arrow; Armstrong Whitworth; American Eagle; Babcock; Barkley-Grow; Beechcraft; Bell; Bellanca; Bennet; Bennett-Breese; Berliner-Joyce; Bird; Blériot; Boeing; Brewster; BAC (British Aircraft Corp); Brown; Brown-Young; Bucker; Buhl; Burnelli; Bushey-McGrew; Cairns; Cant; Caproni; Caudron; Cessna; Chamberlin; Chambers; Chester; Columbia; Commandaire; Consolidated; Crosby; Crouch-Bolas; Cunningham-Hall; Curtiss; Culver; Davis; de Havilland; Delgado; Dornier; Douglas; Earl Aviation; Eastman; Erco; Fairchild; Federal; Avia (Czech); Fleet; Fleetwings; Focke-Wulf; Folkerts; Fokker; Ford; Franklin (Aircraft Corp); Funk (OH); General Aircraft Corp; Globe; Granville Brothers Aircraft Inc; Great Lakes; Grumman; Gwinn Aircar; Hawker; Hawks; Heath; Hughes; Jones (Ben); Kellett; Keystone; Kinner; Koppen; Keith Rider; Laird; Latécoère; Lincoln (Aircraft); Lockheed; Loening; Luscombe; McDonnell; Martin; Melberg-Greenameier-Ward; Mercury (Aircraft Inc); Meyers (Aircraft); Mignet; Miles; Monocoupe; Morane-Saulnier; Thomas-Morse; Naval Aircraft Factory (NAF); Nicholas-Beazley; New Standard; Nieuport; Noorduyn; North American; Northrop; Parks; Pearson-Williams; Percival; Piper; Pitcairn; Pitt; Porterfield; Raab-Katzenstein; Rearwin; Republic; Ryan; RWD; Savoia-Marchetti; Schreck; Seversky; Short; Sikorsky; Security; Sopwith; SPAD; Spartan (OK); Spencer-Larsen; Star Cavalier; States; Stearman; Stearman-Hammond; Stinson; Supermarine; Sundorph; Swallow; Taylor; Taylorcraft; Thaden; Tilbury-Fundy; Travel Air; Turner-Laird; Verville (Aircraft); Bourdon (Viking); Vought; Volmer; Waco; Wallace; Waterman; Wedell-Williams; Welsh; Westbrook; and Wittman (Steve). People depicted in the images include Hanna Reitsch; Max Constant; J. G. "Tex" Rankin; Alford Joseph "Al" Williams; Douglas "Wrong-Way" Corrigan; Howard Robard Hughes; Anthony W. "Tony" LeVier; Frank Hawks; Jacqueline "Jackie" Cochran (Bessie Lee Pittman); Roscoe Turner; Rudy A. Kling; Laura Houghtaling Ingalls; Earl Ortman; Arthur Charles Chester; Lee Gelbach; Steve J. Wittman; Bernarr MacFadden; James Harold "Jimmy" Doolittle; J. Errol Boyd; Alex Papan; Fannie Hurst; Barnard Carl Capehart; and Russell Holderman. The collection also contains five pocket sized notebooks kept by Tenety which detail when and where he took many of the photographs. Finally, the collection includes a thumb drive which contains scans of many of the negatives made by the donor.

---

## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Air pilots
- Airplanes

Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white negatives

Names:

- Roosevelt Field (N.Y.)
- Sarkis, Peter.